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Jared, Cynthia, and Ken:

I wanted to give you a quick report-out on a meeting I had earlier this afternoon with Deputy Secretary Connor at DOI, along with a small number of his staff from BuRec and FWS, on California Bay-Delta issues. As you know, Mike had contacted me back in July (soon after release of the SDEIS for the California Water Fix) seeking to set up an informational briefing on the issue. I know Bob P had been very involved in it. Staff present in addition to Mike were Jeff Rieker, Michael Bean, Noah Matson, Lowell Pimley, Dionne Thompson, and Letty Belin.

Mike and his staff walked through a background briefing (attached) that generally summarized the history and issues surrounding this system. It gave me a good chance to ask some basic questions and to learn more about the complexity of the Bay-Delta system and its history. It was particularly helpful to me to understand the managed nature of the system—it reminded me of other long-running dialogues on other such systems, such as the Everglades and the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (though SF Bay-Delta is obviously huge, there are still parallels).

Mike and his staff emphasized in a positive way the ongoing dialogue that has been underway between DOI and EPA (and other relevant agencies) and encouraged that dialogue to continue. They are very interested in our thoughts about the SDEIS -- comments are due October 30, I think. I did not discuss what those comments might include.

Without disrupting the ongoing process, we should find time in the next couple of weeks for

a conversation, so we can discuss what's going on. I'll set something up once everyone is back after Labor Day.

Thanks, and enjoy the holiday weekend,

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